

WILSON MAKING FINAL EFFORT TO PREVENT STRIKE

RUMANIA HAS DECLARED WAR UPON AUSTRIA

Italy At Last Makes Formal Declaration on Germany.

RUMANIA FOURTEENTH

Her Action Opens Way for Russians to Strike Bulgaria.

(By Associated Press)
BERLIN, Aug. 28.—Rumania declared war on Austria-Hungary on Sunday evening it is announced officially here.

Rumania thus becomes the fourteenth nation to join in the war. Her intervention either on the side of the entente allies or the central powers has been awaited with symptoms of concern by both sides since the beginning of the great conflict. This is due not entirely to Rumania's military strength, but also to the strategic advantages of her geographical position and the fact that her entry into the struggle opens to the Russian army, a gateway through Rumania to attack the Bulgarians from the north while the allied army, having its base at Saloniki, attacks them and their German allies from the south.

BERLIN, Aug. 28.—Although Italy's declaration of war against Germany was absolutely unheralded and came as a complete surprise it failed to cause the slightest ripple of excitement in Berlin.

The announcement was made public yesterday afternoon in the customary extra Sunday newspapers which gave official war reports. Idle crowds spread the declaration undemonstratively and then continued the usual Sunday stroll.

The official Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung sounds the keynote of the press comment taking position that Italy's formal declaration of war will have but little effect in view of existing conditions.

All editorials were written prior to the receipt of information regarding Rumania's declaration of war on Austria-Hungary.

City Hall Notes

The Peerless Motor company of Cleveland, O., wired J. Walter Barnes this morning stating that M. C. car 99756 was loaded at Cleveland this morning with the city's new motor fire truck in it. The car has been routed via the Pennsylvania and the Monongahela railroad.

When firemen turned the hose on the Jackson street fire the other day the water in the reservoir took a drop of six inches. This makes the standing amount of 500,000 gallons water used on the fire.

An enterprising salesman of machines to protect cheques from being used has left one in the city clerk's office for a few days for the occupants of that office to play with. One of the reporters of the city went there and was shown the instrument. No sooner had Albert Kern told him that the machine prevented check raising than he got to work and raised one. The machine which was put in on trial will not be purchased.

The fire department is still drying its hose from the fire which threatened Jackson street the other day. The hose is strung up and a hot plate heated under it. Inasmuch as the entire amount of fire hose was used at that fire it will take longer to get it all dry. Besides the use of the hose all chemical cans were used. One of these was badly burned and will likely have to be replaced.

TO THE PUBLIC

I have enough pure spring water to supply ten thousand people and I am glad to have it used. A few of the people that come to my spring pull flowers, break shrubbery, leave broken bottles and commit nuisances of various kinds. If this is not stopped, I will be compelled to close the spring to the public.

C. W. WATSON,
Fairmont Farms.

NOTICE.

Consumers of city water are notified that an impure condition in the water prevails at this time and boiling water for drinking purposes is recommended by the City Health department. The impurity will probably be corrected within a week.

WANT FASHIONS FROM HONG KONG?



"American women used to pity Chinese women because their feet were bound," says Ruth Sunn, Chinese dressmaker. "I feel sad for American women because their bodies are bound. When their bodies are free their minds will be free too now."

Mme. Sunn will offer her "sensible" gown at a national show in Chicago at which James Pugh, millionaire, will give \$3,000 for the design that will help make America first in fashions.

The gown is made of two pieces, the skirt hanging from the shoulders. The coat is worn without an under-bouse.

MORE GINGER IS NEEDED IN VOTES FOR WOMEN FIGHT

Old Parties Have Got Campaigners Started Satisfactorily at Last

(Special Dispatch to West Virginian)
CHARLES' ON, Aug. 3.—While both the Republican and Democratic parties apologetically permitted reference to equal suffrage to creep into their state platforms, neither is permitting the question of women's rights to become an issue in the campaign and all the impetus given it is that furnished by the women advocates of suffrage who have been delegated for the party. The voters, themselves, are paying little attention to politics anyway in West Virginia and it is infrequent indeed that the subject of woman suffrage is mentioned even where politics are the theme. If the suffrage amendment is ratified by the vote of the people, the women conducting the campaign will have to get busier than they have been, for so far as can be seen the anti-suffrage contingent in southern West Virginia specially, is as strong as the suffragists, and really more active in political matters.

It may be that the advocates of suffrage, like the leaders of the minor parties, are resting on their oars so that they can make a campaign of the short and vigorous kind. Whatever the intention in this connection, the anti-suffrage claim that they will be able to checkmate any move that may be made and that they do not fear the outcome in the least.

The prediction is frequently made by voters that not half the ballots cast

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The Weather.

West Virginia—General fair today and Tuesday. Warmer Tuesday. LOCAL WEATHER READINGS Temperature at 8 a. m. today 55. Yesterday's weather clear; temperature, maximum 85; minimum 54; precipitation .45.

SCHOOL TEACHERS HERE FOR MARION COUNTY INSTITUTE

More Girls Enrolled Today Than Men—Heard Suffrage Speaker.

School teachers of all kinds and all ages, both women and men, are to be seen in Fairmont today and most of them will be here all week attending the Marion county teachers' institute which is being held at the Miller school. Most of the teachers are attractive young girls although a good percentage of men is also enrolled this year. Practically all of the morning today was spent enrolling the teachers and in preparing for the work of the week. Mrs. Notnam, the suffrage speaker, addressed the gathering this morning and won many of the visitors over to her cause by her short effective talk. When the lists are completed it is thought the institute enrollment this year will reach considerably over three hundred. Following is the list of those who had registered early today: Neva Fitzhugh, Mae Yost, Blanche Lawson, Ethel Bartlett, Agnes Yeater, Virtie Morgan, Pearl Vangilder, Winnie Musgrave, Edna Jenkins, Lucia Tetrick, Mary McCool, Valie Irons, Mabelle Curry, Cora Clayton, Jettie Lake, Meryl Kendall, Maude Jenkins, Malissa Crowl, Katherine Berry, Beulah Ash, Jean Billingslea, Frances Furber, Clara Knight, Hazel Frey, Minnie Hennen, Mary Shaver, Mary Burns, Mary Prickett, Josephine Clark, Margaret Furber, Lola Clark, Nell Prickett, Ruth Ross, Georgia Neptune, Besale Bock, Rose Kennedy, Beatrice McConnell, Vera Shaw, May Morgan, Helen Rynier, Gertrude Snider, Carol Powell, Etta Mae Connolly, Jays Satterfield, Eva Summers, Ruby Rex, Margaret Tennant, Jessie Neptune, Ruth Phillips, Hazel McKinney, Josephine Martin, Milla Ice, Grace Robinson, Alice Quirk, Emma Norton, Lulu McMillen, Frankie Goff, Gwendolen Hanley, Ruth Evans, Edith Klaw, Lulu Petty, Anna Sarsfield, Mary Sarsfield, Sadie Exley, Lucy Satterfield, Lena McBe, Ethel Griffin, Della Keran, Dortha Knapp, Eleanor Byard, Mrs. Stella Brown, Myrtle McKinney, Matilda McKinney, Rose McKinney, Olive Wallace, Katherine Taggart, Lacy Toothman, Helen Fleming, Jessie Cook, Virginia Cook, Kate Meredith, Goldie Sheets, Mrs. Elizabeth Herring, Nellie Stewart, Maude Gaskill, Katherine Haggerty, Madeline Shaffer, Nellie Ammons, Neva Curry, Freda Feather, Florence Cavender, Viola McElfresh, Mattie Feather, Mattie Bentel, Tillie Moore, Jean West, Ada Phillips, Nellie Barnes, Elizabeth Davis, Florence Wilgong, Nina Danner, Clara Leaman, May Swisher, Grace Michael, May Morgan, Addie Graham, Evelyn Prickett, Laura Dunnington, Erma Henry, Mary Fryer, Blanche Henry, Frances Snider, Josephine Graham, Edna Manley, Grace Snider, Maude Morgan, Mary Eliason, Mary Conn, Hazel Spring, Alta Huffman, Toyle Hupp, Margaret Trickett, Bessie Dean, Bessie Byer, Eunice Byer, Lettie Mann, Virginia Gaskill, Caroline Barnes, Beulah Walker, Louise Leonard, Esther Robey, Gertrude Conaway, Jessie Snider, Margaret Grubb, Eva May, Mabel Richards, Mabel Vogan, Flora Ice, Nellie Manley, Ethel Houl, Beryl Morgan, Naomi Glover, Louise Lloyd, Kathryn Barry, Mary Hite, Beryl Mocker, Margaret Mocker, Florence Jack, Eva Brand, Helene Yost, Adaline Johnson, Amanda Abbott, Goldie James, Minto Shaffer, Ivy Husted, Mary Hunt, Blake Neely, Mary Barnes, Kathryn Ford, Dessie Glascock, Edna Stevens, Alta Clovis, Agnes Gaughan, Virginia Curry, Nora Gertrude Graham, Bertha Virginia Bice, Ora Douglass, Mabel Leah Miller, Annie Goldie Barbe, Ella Cook, Jessie Hughes, Eva Dale Hartley, Mary Mann, Ethel Elgeman, Mary Fayne, Sigler, M. Ethel Harris, Jane Yount, Ann Richardson, Nellie Wilson, Pearl Scott, Elizabeth McAllister, Laverne Shuttleworth, Maude Douglas, Mary Merrifield, Jean Lynn, Cora Taylor, Madeline Fleming, Eula Forey, Madge Cunningham, Nellie Patterson, Grace Ammons, Bessie Ammons, Mernie Brown, Blanche Holbert, Nellie Raikes, Blanche Slipes, Lena Parks, Jettie Ice, Fleeta Shanks, Effie Knapp, Katherine Curry, Ruth Merrifield, Morine Johnston, Mrs. Alice Toothman, Dotie Kern, Ocie Powell, Hattie Hall, Alice Martin, Mrs. Catherine Bassett, Mabel Rogers, Nannie Tennant, Elsie King, Clara Wilson, Ora Floyd, Georgia McConnell, Charlotte Rogers.

HER PLAN OUGHT TO SUIT HUSBANDS

Mrs. Lionel Guest, daughter of the late John Bigelow of New York, wants to keep old clothes in style. She would change clothes only when absolutely necessary, and the new style would be radically different from all previous fashions.

FUNERAL OF MRS. BARNES HELD TODAY

Death Occurred Saturday at Home on Fairmont Avenue.

Mrs. Clara Eyster Barnes, aged 36, wife of the late Newton S. Barnes, and a pioneer resident of this city, died Saturday afternoon at 3:40 o'clock at her home on Fairmont avenue, after a period of invalidism extending through several years, during part of which time she was able to go about her home.

Early last March, Mrs. Barnes suffered a severe attack of illness and for days her life was despaired of, however she rallied to some extent, though had never been able to leave her bed. On Sunday, August 20, she suffered a sinking spell from which she did not recover. During the long years of her invalidism, Mrs. Barnes has been the object of the tenderest solicitude by her large circle of friends in this city and from her immediate family she was the recipient of all the loving care that can be bestowed. While obliged to give up any active duties about the home, she kept up with current events and always displayed keen interest in family affairs, her

FEDERAL AID FOR FLOOD SUFFERERS IS BEING HELD UP



War Department Refuses to Act Until Secretary Returns.

HE IS CAMPAIGNING

Governor Hatfield's Sharp Telegram About Capt. Lee's Report.

(Special Dispatch to West Virginian)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 28.—There has been no Federal aid of the flood sufferers in the Kanawha yet. There will not be until Secretary of War Baker, who has been campaigning in Maine, returns and passes on the case himself. A report is on file at the war department quoting Governor Hatfield as declining assistance from the national government. This report is strenuously denied by Governor Hatfield in a telegram sent to Congressman Littlepage on an inquiring wire sent to the governor by Mr. Littlepage.

A report submitted to the War Department by Major T. H. Jackson, of the engineers corps, stationed at Wheeling, after stating that Capt. Lee had made a personal investigation of the stricken region, says, paragraph 3: "From this information it is believed that Federal aid is not needed. The Governor of West Virginia stated to Capt. Lee, as the latter was leaving the district, that Federal aid had not been asked and that it was not necessary."

It was this which caused Congressman Littlepage who was the author of the relief resolution passed by Congress to rush a telegram to Governor Hatfield, which read as follows: "Captain C. H. Lee of corps of engineers of war department, who investigated conditions in the flooded district of Cabin Creek and Coal river, has reported to the war department that while he was leaving the district the Governor of West Virginia had stated to him that Federal aid had not been asked by the state and that it was unnecessary. Please wire immediately whether he quotes you correctly."

The prompt reply from the Governor to the above read:

"On August 12th I wired Senator Chilton that we would be appreciative of any service the Federal government might render. Such posts as Capt. Lee, who came into our state and without calling on the Governor or Adjutant General, who are familiar with the situation, attempts to cover 2000 square miles of flooded area in two days period paying a hurried call on the governor as he was leaving the district would I feel tend to disgust the officials of any state, as well as those who have been so unfortunate as to be flood sufferers. I can do no better than to repeat to you my message to Senator Chilton that the unfortunate people would, I am sure, be grateful for any contribution to them from the Federal government care to make. I was not correctly quoted to you."

Upon receipt of this telegram from Governor Hatfield, Congressman Littlepage immediately took it to the officials at the War department. He demanded immediate Federal help as provided in his resolution, which the President signed last Thursday. Nothing was done, however, with Mr. Littlepage's demands except to defer them until Secretary Baker returns from Maine. He was expected to be at his desk here today.

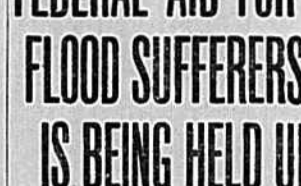
M.C.'S HOSTS AT POLITICAL CONFAB

(Special Dispatch to West Virginian)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 28.—Unable to leave their duties here, and the date of the adjournment of the present session of Congress being uncertain, Congressman Sutherland, Bowers and Cooper joined in an invitation to the other Republican congressional candidates and officials of the State committee, likewise Judge Robinson and the candidates on the state ticket, to come to Washington tomorrow for a conference.

The candidates intended here, so to speak, on account of the congressional grind, desired to present some plans that they have formulated for conducting the campaign to the other candidates in interest. One of the additional reasons for the meeting here is to have the entire delegation meet representatives of the National, the special senatorial campaign committee, and Chairman Frank Woods and his associates of the National Republican Congressional committee.

National Committeeman Virgil L. Highland, who has been staying at Atlantic City, has been invited to be present and has telegraphed his acceptance of the invitation. Col. Thomas W. Fleming, of Fairmont, Dr. Godby, of Charleston, and former Congressman Woodard, of the Parkersburg district, all congressional candidates, will be in attendance. Mr. Woodard, accompanied by his campaign manager, Judge Thomas A. Brown, of Parkersburg, has already arrived and are at the Bellevue.

APPOINTED TO SOLVE MEXICAN TROUBLES



Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane, middle; and ex-Judge George Gray of Wilmington, Del., bottom.

WILSON AT THE CAPITOL

Further Consultation With Leaders Regarding Possible Legislation.

(By Associated Press)
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An eight-hour law for railroads to become effective at a date far enough in the future to give railroads an opportunity to prepare for it.

A law patterned after the Canadian act which creates a commission of investigation and prevents walkouts or strikes while industrial disputes are being investigated.

This plan was discussed by the President with his party leaders in Congress as the basis for the next step after the railroad managers have formally announced their refusal to accept plan of settlement the President previously proposed.

They were expected to do this at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon at a White House conference.

Meanwhile Congress leaders gave up hope of adjourning this week and settled down to stay here as long as necessary to provide legislation to meet the strike situation.

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Just exactly what has been done none of the Congress leaders themselves seem to know. Conferences among them and with President Wilson which began last night were continued today and the President's postponed engagements with the railroad executives from ten this morning until 2:30 this afternoon to give him more time for conferences with leaders in Congress.

The situation was viewed on all sides as the most perilous since negotiations began two weeks ago. The hope of the President and administration leaders was in the possibility of getting the brotherhood men to give more time to continue negotiations.

Since last night the belief that negotiations between the railroad executives and representatives of the men would end without an agreement has been growing.

This feeling was strengthened today when the members of the brotherhood committee of 640, tired of their long wait, departed for home after delegating their powers to effect a settlement or call a strike to a committee of twenty-four, instructed under no circumstances to agree to arbitration of the demand for an eight-hour day at the present rate of pay for ten hours.

There was a report last night, however, that the president might ask the men to postpone action for a period in order that he might seek legislation which would force and provide a settlement without tying up the country's transportation systems.

Secretary Lane and Senator Newlands worked until late last night framing bills for presentation to Congress.

The measure given most serious consideration was one drawn along the lines of the Canadian act, which provides for investigation of industrial disputes by a commission for one year, and prevents strikes or lockouts during the period of investigation. If it finally is decided to press such a measure, an effort will be made to put it into effect at once.

Other legislation under consideration including the following measures: An eight-hour day law for railroad employees.

A bill increasing the membership of the Interstate Commerce Commission from seven to nine members with authority to divide into groups.

A resolution stating it to be the sense of Congress that if the railroads grant a basis eight-hour day they should be entitled to increased revenues compensatory with the decreased operating expenses.

AT ODD FELLOWS CONVENTION.
Austin Stealey spent Saturday at Odd Fellows convention at Mt. Lake Park and Sunday at Oakland, Md., the guest of G. W. Loar.

SUTHERLAND HAS PLAN TO DEFEAT THE BLACKLIST



West Virginia Congressman Goes to Rescue of Exporters.

NO \$9000 CASE AGAINST SNIDERS AND NEPTUNE

But one order was entered this morning in Intermediate Court although a number of matters were under consideration, and it was expected that other decisions would be announced by Judge Vincent this evening.

This was the case of The Farmers Bank of Shinnston against L. D. Snider, T. S. Neptune and Joseph Snider, and judgment for the plaintiff was granted for the sum of \$142.55. An error was made in the report of this case in Saturday's issue of this paper. The sum was stated as \$9,000 instead of \$142.55. M. W. Ogden appeared for the plaintiff in this suit.

INVESTIGATE DEATH OF BROOKS HOLT

A coroner's jury this morning began the investigation of the death of Brooks Holt who was recently found dead upon the Baltimore and Ohio railroad tracks near Opekeles. Several witnesses testified to the circumstances under which the mutilated body had been found. No verdict had been reached by the jury at a late hour this evening.

SPEED RETURNS.

Industrial engineer F. R. Speed of the Fairmont Chamber of Commerce returned this morning from an Eastern trip that has consumed the past two weeks.

B. & O. IS TALKING TO TRANSPORTATION MEN

(By Associated Press)
GRAFTON, Aug. 28.—Baltimore and Ohio officials here have during the past two days called in to local headquarters all transportation employees of the three divisions centering here other than the regular engineers and crews for conference.

This is being done quietly and nothing has been given out, but it is said to be preparatory to the threatened strike.

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